

Remarks

By the present amendment, the subject matter of allowable claim 19 has been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 19 has been accordingly canceled. Claims 2-4 and 12-18 depend from claim 1, whereby they are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in an independent format and amended to recite a medical device comprising a laminar structure. Claim 9 has been rewritten in an independent format and amended to recite a heat sink comprising a laminar structure. Such a medical device and heat sink are described in the specification whereby any §112 issues are believed to be resolved.¹

In view of the following, this application is believed to be in a condition for allowance and an early indication to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹In the event that the Examiner finds that these claims are drawn to a constructively non-elected invention, authorization is hereby given to cancel these claims by Examiner's amendment if such a cancellation would place the case in a condition for allowance.